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SUBJ: CIVAIR: TIA CHARTER

1. PARIS REP OF TRANSINTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (TIA), A US SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIER, HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY RE PROBLEMS THEY HAVE ENCOUNTERED OBTAINING APPROVAL NIGERIAN CIVAIR AUTHORITIES FOR TIA OPERATION CARGO CHARTER FLIGHT TAIPEI-LAGOS. CARGO CONSISTS OF GENERAL MERCHANDISE. TIA HAS OPERATED SEVERAL TAIPEI-LAGOS CHARTERS IN PAST AND HAS NEVER MET WITH ANY DIFFICULTIES.

2. TIA HAD INITIALLY SOUGHT NIGERIAN AUTHORIZATION FOR FLIGHT ARRIVING LAGOS MAY 31 AM, BUT WERE INFORMED THAT CARGO FLIGHTS INTO LAGOS WERE EMBARGOED UNTIL 2300 HOURS THAT DATE. TIA THEREUPON REFILED AUTHORIZATION FOR 2300 HOURS ARRIVAL, WHEREUPON TIA REP LAGOS WAS INFORMED BY NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES THAT CARGO CHARTER COULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED UNLESS AIRWAY BILL WAS SUBMITTED NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE OF FLIGHT. TIA STATES THIS CONDITION HAS NEVER BEEN IMPOSED IN PAST AND IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET SINCE AIRWAY BILL IS ESTABLISHED ONLY WHEN AIRCRAFT IS LOADED JUST PRIOR DEPARTURE.

3. TIA REP PARIS ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY WAY
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USG COULD INTERVENE WITH NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES TO

OBTAIN WAIVER OF AIRWAY BILL ADVANCE SUBMISSION
SINCE INABILITY MEET THIS CONDITION WOULD PREVENT
FLIGHT. WE REPLIED THAT MOST WE COULD DO WOULD BE TO
APPRISE AMEMBASSY LAGOS OF FACTS AND LEAVE TO ITS
DISCRETION WHETHER MATTER MIGHT BE RAISED WITH
NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY LOOKING INTO ABOVE
MATTER IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED AND INFORMING US OF
OUTCOME SO THAT WE MAY REPORT BACK TO TIA.
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